

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

Update

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Public Act 096-0953: Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act

- Each member state shall, through the creation of a State Council or use of an existing body of board, provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies, and military installations concerning the State's participation in and compliance with the compact and Interstate Commission activities.
 - The State Council shall be comprised of the Illinois P-20 Council, representatives appointed by the Illinois P-20 Council from the 3 school districts with the highest percentage of children from military families and one non-voting representative appointed by each active duty military installation commander in the State.
 - Compact Commissioner: Sam McGowen, Mascoutah
- Sunset June 30, 2015

MIC3: 39 state members

- Established in 2009; Illinois signed on in 2010
- Purposes:
 - Facilitate timely enrollment of eligible children
 - Regulate transfer of records
 - Remove barriers due to variations in entrance/age requirements
 - Facilitate appropriate placement
 - Facilitate qualification for curricular and extracurricular programs
 - Facilitate on time graduation

Eligibility

- K-12 Children of:
 - Active duty members of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders;
 - Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for (1) year;
 - Members who die on active duty.
- Affects heavily districts that serve the three main installations, but could involve any district in the state.

Issues involving the P-20 Council

- Compact commissioner and other members of the State Council will attend P-20 meetings and participate in committees.
- The State Council will meet quarterly in conjunction with the P-20 Council.
- A portion of the P-20 Annual Report will be devoted to the MIC3 implementation and impact in IL.
- FAQ and other MIC3 information will be posted on the P-20 website.
- The FYCE Committee will actively promote engagement of military families

Other Considerations

- The IL compact differs from other states and the national agreement.
- Comprehensive data and tracking systems do not exist for military children at state or national levels.
- While MIC3's focus is on K-12, educational issues for military families span the P-20 spectrum.